

Furthermore, surpluses have consequences that can be every bit as salutary as those provided by tax reductions or expanded government programs. Surpluses add to national saving, boost domestic investment and thereby raise, by small but important amounts, productivity, economic growth and incomes. If surpluses are allowed to develop, interest rates will be reduced, and the federal debt will be reduced, and the federal debt will begin to shrink. As a consequence, the portion of the federal budget devoted to debt service—currently one out of every seven dollars—will shrink, leaving more for real priorities.

Having probably achieved a balanced overall budget—an objective that seemed to be unattainable only a few years ago—it is time to shift the focus of the policy debate to balancing the non-Social Security budget and restructuring Social Security and Medicare for the long term. If these objectives can be achieved, Rip van Winkle won't find when he next wakes up a nation in which either retirees are scrimping by on inadequate social insurance benefits or workers are unduly burdened supporting the aged.

TRIBUTE TO MILKEN FAMILY FOUNDATION NATIONAL EDUCATOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two of my constituents who have been honored by receiving the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. These constituents are Mr. Linard McCloud from Charleston, SC, and Mrs. Thomasenia J. Benson of Orangeburg, SC.

Mr. Linard McCloud is the band conductor at Burke High School in Charleston. He has been the band director at his alma mater for almost 20 years. During his tenure at Burke, the Burke High School band has improved to a grade V concert level band. The band has received no less than an excellent rating in the past five concert festivals with most of the on-stage music receiving superior ratings.

Under Mr. McCloud's direction, the Burke High School band has performed for the Prince of Wales, recorded an ETV production on the percussion ensemble, filmed a local commercial, marched in two Mardi Gras parades, and performed for several college football games. In addition, the band has toured Canada three times and will travel to New Orleans in the spring.

Aside from his excellent leadership as band director, Mr. McCloud has given tirelessly to his students and the music community. He has been credited with obtaining over 100 scholarships for his students. He also serves as the president of the Charleston County Band Director's Association, and is a member of the Florida A&M University summer band camp staff, Kappa Kappa Psi music fraternity, and Alpha Kappa Mu honor society. He has received community service awards from Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, and Phi Beta Sigma fraternities. He is also a senior trustee and lifelong member of Morris Brown AME Church.

Mrs. Thomasenia J. Benson, who also received the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award, is currently in her second

year as principal at Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School in Orangeburg, SC.

Mrs. Benson, a native of the Pee Dee area of South Carolina, received a bachelor of science degree from Benedict College in Columbia, SC. She received a master's degree in education and credits in counseling and secondary administration from the University of South Carolina, also in Columbia.

Mrs. Benson began her career as an educator by teaching U.S. history and psychology for 12 years at Batesburg-Leesville High School. From there, she taught social studies for 4 years at Irmo Middle School. Next, she served as assistant principal at Irmo Middle School. From there, Mrs. Benson became the assistant principal at W.A. Perry Middle School in Columbia for 3 years. Prior to becoming principal of Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School, she was principal at William J. Clark Middle School, also in Orangeburg, for 3 years. Mrs. Benson's commitment to education is illustrated through almost three decades of service to the students of South Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, these two South Carolina educators are among 150 of the Nation's most distinguished educators to be awarded the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. Along with the \$25,000 financial award, they will receive educational resources through the powerful network for over 1,000 previous recipients of this prestigious award. This year's recipients were chosen, among other criteria, for their achievement in developing innovative educational curricula, programs and/or teaching methods; outstanding ability to instill in students character and self-confidence; and commitment to professional development.

As two of this year's winners, both Mr. McCloud and Mrs. Benson will be sent to Los Angeles in June 1998 for the annual Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference. Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in paying tribute to these two distinguished educators from my district as I am so proud to have them represent both the Sixth Congressional District and the State of South Carolina.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today is a sad day for supporters of campaign finance reform. The U.S. Senate failed to pass the McCain-Feingold campaign finance bill. A majority of the Senate, 53 Members, supported this bill. However they were seven votes short of ending a filibuster by those who are satisfied with the status quo.

The amendment supporters included 45 Democrats and 8 Republicans. This bipartisan show of support is an encouraging sign and it reflects the growing momentum for passage of campaign finance reform. It is unfortunate that a majority of the Members in the Senate cannot pass such an important piece of legislation. I hope that the leadership of the Senate will see the wisdom of allowing reconsideration of the McCain-Feingold bill.

However, at least the members of the Senate were allowed a vote on campaign finance

reform. In the House we haven't been given the opportunity to vote on any bill. With the effort in the Senate stalled now is the time for the House to take up this issue. Mr. Speaker, let's put our partisan differences aside and allow a vote on meaningful campaign finance reform.

IN HONOR OF ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. Innocent Orthodox Church on the consecration of its new church structure in Olmsted Township, OH.

Fourteen years ago, a coalition of dedicated Orthodox Christians from a variety of ethnic backgrounds came together to practice their faith in a common language. These early members began holding biweekly services in the Community Room of Great Northern Mall and established committees to determine the growth and direction of the new parish. St. Innocent was chosen as the patron saint because the zeal of the missionary, who taught the Orthodox Christian Faith across North America and Alaska, would be an inspiration to the members of the new church.

In 1984, the members of St. Innocent began holding services in a rented chapel in Westlake. Members established a church school program for children and adults and weekly Bible studies. The church is also very active in outreach to the surrounding community. A program to provide food and support to St. Herman's House of Hospitality receives continued support. In addition, money from an extra collection each month is donated to charitable organizations or to families in need. Each Christmas, the parish supports at least one family in the community with gifts, food, financial assistance, and love.

St. Innocent welcomes the diversity of its parish and combines the many ethnic traditions into its services. I am confident that the growing parish family will flourish, and that the many services and activities it sponsors will multiply in the new church facility in Olmsted Township.

EDEL JENSEN PETERSEN: YWCA TRIBUTE TO WOMEN

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to recognize and honor Edel Jensen Petersen, who will receive on October 10, 1997, the YWCA Tribute to Women Award for a lifetime of volunteer work in Lincoln, NE.

Born in 1910, Edel has been described as a woman ahead of her time. It was quite an accomplishment at the time for her, a woman, to go to college. She taught school, both in Iowa and Nebraska, in the elementary grades and in special education. She married in 1936 and is the mother of Sharon Edel Schultze, my senior legislative assistant and a member

of my San Diego Board of Education, San Diego City Council, and congressional staff for almost 20 years.

As a woman ahead of her time, Edel has worked in an equal partnership with her husband of over 61 years, long before the women's movement highlighted the importance of this concept. She and her husband, Pastor Alvin Petersen, are the perfect partners—working and playing together as a team throughout their 30-year ministry at the Lutheran Student Center and Chapel at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and now in their retirement.

Edel was an integral part of the staff at the Lutheran Student Center, sometimes as paid staff, but more often as a volunteer. She was affectionately known as "Mom Pete" by all who came to the student center. She offered her skills in counseling, networking, research, and the arts. She is said to have had a profound influence on the lives of many, and she served as a mentor to thousands of young women as they passed through the university. In fact, she has been a role model to women during her whole life—as a teacher, a mother, a grandmother, the wife of a pastor, a community volunteer, as part of the team at the student center, and in retirement. Most importantly, she has been a friend to all who needed a friend.

She was also a mentor to the wives of other campus pastors and pastoral interns at the university. She formed a study group for married women students and, along with her husband, initiated a Couples Club, a Grad Club, and a theology study group—all opportunities to support the sharing of ideas and concerns.

Edel's code for living, "to listen, to accept, to love, and to affirm", is evident in everything she does. She frequently opened her home to university students who needed a place to live, including many international students. Early in their ministry at the university, Pastor Pete and Mom Pete initiated International Night, inviting students from various countries, including all religious beliefs, to prepare and share a meal of foods from their native countries. Such events eventually became a cooperative effort of all the campus ministries. She encouraged students at the student center to sponsor children through the Foster Parents Plan, a project which helped these students reach out beyond their own concerns. She and her husband spent a summer in the 1960's leading a group of young people in their work with a Chicago inner-city project sponsored by the Methodist Church.

Another important sphere of her influence was the creative enrichment she brought to the university students and the community as a whole, by initiating an annual Festival of the Arts at the Lutheran Student Center. The festival included both local and nationally known artwork, music, and drama. The final festival before her husband's retirement was a magnificent display of Native American Indian art and was described by one university professor as the best show he had seen of Native American artists.

As a gifted pianist, writer, poet, and weaver, Edel's own contributions to the arts have been published and featured throughout the Midwest. Two of her most notable weavings are featured at the Lutheran Student Center and at the Lied Center for Performing Arts in Lincoln.

She recently won first place in the Legacies Story Writing Contest, sponsored by the Lin-

coln Area Agency on Aging. She had her winning essay published in Lifelines magazine, and also recently was published in the Lincoln Journal-Star newspaper, with an article describing how she has worked to grow older with joy and continued commitment to life and to worthwhile causes.

In the community outside of the student center, Edel has been a volunteer tutor through the American Red Cross, has served as president of the PTA at her daughter's school, led Camp Fire troops, was a docent at the Sheldon Art Gallery for more than 10 years, has been a member of Bread for the World since it was first organized and of the United Nations for over 20 years, read weekly to retired people at a senior center, and most recently, has helped to establish a reading group for visually and hearing impaired women at Eastmont Towers, the retirement home where she now lives.

And Edel has been recycling since her youth, before anyone else ever thought about the importance of recycling. Preservation of our Earth's environment is one of her paramount concerns.

Being in the limelight has never been what it was about for Edel Petersen. Her joy has been to motivate, to empower, to facilitate—often from behind the scenes. So it is highly appropriate and rewarding that her contributions are being recognized by this prestigious award.

Edel is an example of what one woman can do, by keeping herself open to the possibilities to help and to serve—whether her actions have a large impact in the community or help the person next door who needs love and encouragement.

For all these reasons, I am particularly pleased to recognize the contributions of Edel Petersen with this acknowledgement in the House of Representatives.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY OF ADOLF AND
DOROTHY ZALEWSKI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Adolf and Dorothy Zalewski.

Mr. and Mrs. Zalewski were married on October 25, 1947 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and are life-long residents of the Slavic Village neighborhood of Cleveland. Adolf Zalewski retired in 1985 after working for 38 years at LTV Steel and is a World War II veteran. Dorothy Zalewski served a term as a councilwoman in Newburgh Heights and is currently a Precinct B committeewoman.

Both Adolf and Dorothy remain active in church, civic, and political affairs. Adolf is an auxiliary policeman in Newburgh Heights and is active at his church. Dorothy is president of the Newburgh Heights Democratic Club and volunteers at a local hospital. Adolph and Dorothy will celebrate their 50th anniversary with their three children and eight grandchildren.

I am happy to congratulate Adolf and Dorothy Zalewski on 50 years of marriage and wish them another 50 years of happiness together.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RECIP-
ROCAL TRADE AGREEMENTS
ACT OF 1997

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, today I, along with several of my colleagues, am introducing companion legislation to the legislation passed out of the Senate Finance Committee on fast track. Last week, the Senate Finance Committee voted to approve bipartisan fast-track legislation. We believe the Finance Committee's legislation strikes a reasonable balance with respect to various concerns raised about fast track and is a bill that every Member who wants to support fast track should be able to support. The bill also includes an extension of requested trade adjustment assistance programs.

This legislation lays out important principal negotiating objectives including expanded and strengthened language for agriculture and intellectual property. These are two areas in which we, as a country, stand to gain in the near term. In addition the bill contains a provision specifically calling for greater transparency in international fora and particularly in the WTO. The bill also is consistent with proposals which afford fast-track procedures primarily for trade and trade-related measures. This strongly reflects the traditional use of fast-track authority. Finally, the legislation addresses labor and the environment issues in a meaningful and constructive way.

The debate over fast track thus far has been contentious and divisive. It is time to move from abstract issues to the business of legislating. We believe that it is important to our country's continued leadership on all fronts that we pass fast track before the Congress adjourns this year.

HIGH SPEED GROUND TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION ACTION PROGRAM

HON. JAY KIM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for including a high-speed rail program in our Nation's surface transportation law.

For much of my life, I have had a strong interest in magnetic levitation train technologies, Maglev. When I was a practicing engineer, I actually worked on the proposed Anaheim to Las Vegas Maglev train route. That project never got off the ground, but I knew then that Maglev was the technology of the future.

Other countries in Asia and Europe realized decades ago that high-speed rail systems were essential to effective, intercity travel. But in America, we really don't have anything like that. Amtrak runs a few trains over 100 miles-per-hour in the Northeast Corridor, but that's about it. In the United States, intercity travel means air travel or your car.

Unfortunately, that's not good enough. In some cities our airspace is dangerously